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## **THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

For all parishioners of Wherwell, both young and old, Monday and Tuesday, June 6th and 7th, 1977 were memorable days. The village celebrated Her Majesty's Jubilee with great enthusiasm and loyalty, and both days were full of entertainment and excitement.

The first event was a tea party for all parishioners which was attended by some 400 people including children. It had been hoped to have tea out of doors in Church Street but unfortunately the only person who did not co-operate was the 'Clerk of the Weather' and it was thought wiser to hold the party in the Village Hall. At the end of a delicious tea supplied by the W.I. and Mother's Union I had the very pleasant task of presenting every child under the age of 16 with a Jubilee Crown, and I only hope that they will treasure this gift as a reminder of a historic occasion. Over the years these coins will undoubtedly increase in value.

The tea party was followed by sports on the playing field, first for children and finishing with a football match for men versus women, resulting in a draw, thereby confirming complete equality of sex!!

The last event of the day was a very successful bonfire on the top of the hill which ended with a sing-song and a very spontaneous, if not entirely tuneful, rendering of the National Anthem.

Tuesday afternoon began with a magnificent fancy dress procession which included cars in "fancy dress". The procession started on the sports field and came right through the village and past the Old People's Home, down the back drive to the Priory where I had the pleasure of giving away the prizes for the best costumes, some of which were very clever and imaginative.

In the meantime, (in fact since about 3 p.m.) feverish preparations had been going on in the park under the leadership of two Argentine gentlemen, Mario and Alcides, for a real Argentine style barbecue. An enormous fire was built and five whole dead sheep were correctly strung up on iron crosses and roasted over hot embers.

This took rather longer than expected (it always does!) but our pangs of hunger were allayed by sausages also cooked over the embers and very delicious. There was plenty of beer to allay thirst! When the mutton was eventually 'done to a turn' it was cut up and handed out by Mario and Alcides and was pronounced by everyone to be the best they had ever eaten.

And so, with another sing-song round the fire, ended Wherwell's celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Silver Jubilee — a very fine feat of organisation by the Committee and a wonderful example of what can be achieved when the whole village pulls together. I hope that everyone, and especially the children, will carry the memory of these days with them for the rest of their lives and that some may be fortunate enough to be able to express their loyalty again in twenty five years time.

God Save the Queen.

Raymond Breckell





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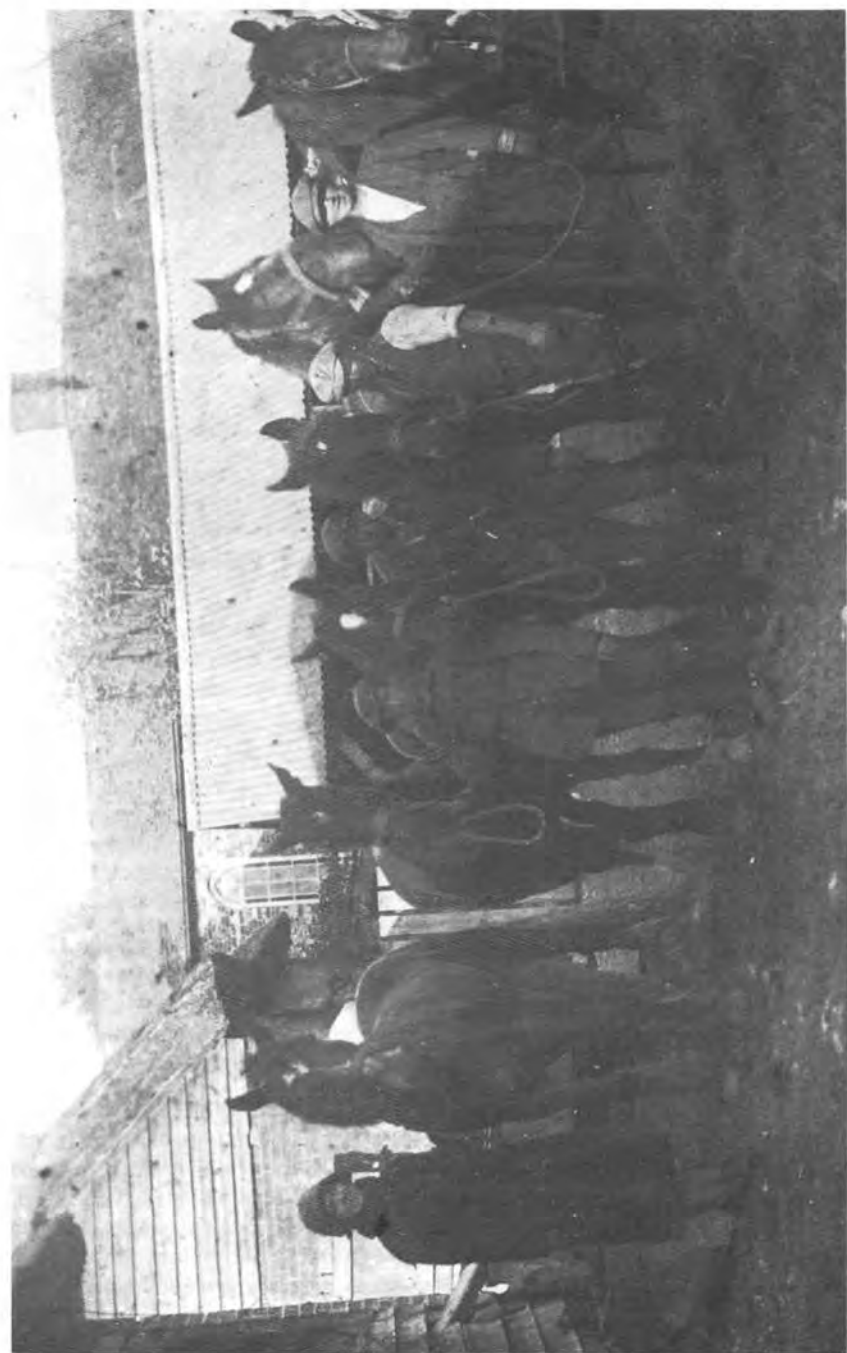
## SEVENTY YEARS BACK

The photograph reproduced above was taken in 1906, outside number 41, Fullerton Road, Wherwell. Mr. and Mrs. Young lived here at that time and in the picture Mrs. Young is peeping out of the window at three of her eight children and Edwin Oliff, son of the village grocer. Fred Young is holding the donkey and two year old Rosie Young is clasping hands with Edwin and her sister Doris.

Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway owned the donkey. They lived in "May Cottage" and Mrs. Holdaway, with Mrs. Carter, ran the village laundry. The donkey was used to transport the washing, either drawing a cart or with pannier baskets strapped to each side of its body. There are still people in Wherwell who remember rows and rows of snow-white sheets hanging in the garden to dry. Fred would take the animal, after her day's work, to graze in the rough meadow behind his parents' cottage. This is now transformed into gardens.

When Fred left school, Longstock House was being built and he worked on the site. With £80 saved from his wages, he bought a horse and started a haulage business, ending up with the six fine horses in the picture opposite. Rose, now about fifteen, is holding the first in line and Fred, the last but one. With the advent of the motor car this work came to an end. By then Fred had married a girl from Cambridgeshire and was helping to run his father's smallholding, taking over when his father died. The cover of Anthology 2 showed Fred driving his cattle through the village.

His widow still lives in "Rodway's Cottage" which had been the Youngs' family home for some time. When I asked Mrs. Young a question about Wherwell, she said that she had only lived here for sixty years and I had better see Rose!





Edwin Oliff's father ran the Twentieth Century Pub, Post Office and Stores. Only beer was consumed on the premises, the customers often sitting outside on the empty beer barrels which were awaiting collection. The Oliffs used to cure and cook delicious hams to sell; in fact they stocked absolutely everything anyone needed.

In those days "Gavel Barn", on the corner of Mill Lane, was a stable and dairy in a piece of land given to the Youngs by Mrs. Jenkins of the Priory. Rose became the village "milk delivery" girl. She rode her bicycle, slinging over the handlebars two cans at a time, each holding three gallons of milk. A dipper measuring one pint was used to fill her customers' jugs. It took two hours each day to complete the round, starting at 7 a.m. More than sixty years later, Rose, now Mrs. Whale, widow of a policeman, still rides her bicycle.

When her school days were over, Doris Young worked for Mrs. Child of "Ivy Cottage". Mrs. Child, with Mrs. Trodd, did dressmaking. Doris married Harry Taylor, who was a groom at the Priory. She has three sons and three daughters, fifteen grandchildren and is awaiting the birth of her fifteenth great-grandchild. Surely a record for Wherwell? Now a widow, she lives in Chant Close.

This photograph was taken outside "Yew Tree Cottage" in Fullerton Road Wherwell, in 1908. Depicted are Mrs. Ford and her son Fred, who was at school with Rosie Young. Mrs. Ford, a widow, was the village nurse. She was well liked and must have delivered many babies in Wherwell during the time she lived here. She used a bicycle for transport, carrying her medical equipment in a basket on the handlebars. Her son was granted a place at the Duke of York Military School when he was twelve. Following in his father's footsteps, he became a Bandmaster in the Army. He is now living somewhere in Devon.

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## **WHERWELL FOOTBALL CLUB 1976—77 SEASON**



After winning the 'Junior Trophy' and Div. II League in the 1975—76 season Wherwell followed up by again winning promotion as 'runners-up' to 'Twinings'. Both teams finished on 32 points from 18 League games, each team winning 15 games, drawing 2 games and losing only 1 game. The title went to Twinings on a better goal average.

The 1976—77 season also saw the start of the Andover and District Sunday League, '5 A Side League'. Twenty-eight teams entered and we are proud to be the first team to win this new competition—beating Andover United on penalties. We finished level after extra time in the play off for the League Title.

The first team players' 'Player of the Year' for the 'Jubilee Cup' donated by Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock, D.B.E., was won by the Club Captain, Maurice Hewlett who also represented Wherwell in the 'Super Stars' competition last year, finishing second.

2nd Team players' 'Player of the Year' for the cup donated by our ex Chairman Mr. F. Moffat was won by Pete Lisle. Pete also played in almost half of the 1st team games.

E. Rowles

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## WHERWELL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The table tennis club has now been formed three years. There are twenty members, (seven non-playing). Only three players have not reached 'League Standard'.

For two seasons the club has played in the 'Andover District League' and for a new club has done very well.

In their first year two teams were entered in the second division. 'B Team' player T. Rowles won all his games. 'A Team' player D. Burwell also had a good season, winning a high percentage of his matches.

The club entered two teams in 'The Handicap Knock-Out Cup'. 'A Team' did well to reach the semi-final but were unfortunately beaten 5—4.

This season 'Wherwell Club' had three teams in the 'Andover District League'; one team in the second division and two teams in the third division, and have had a much more successful year.

'A Team' in the second division was unlucky towards the end of the season and finished 3rd, although at one stage they were in a strong position for the title.

'B Team' (3rd Division) narrowly missed promotion, finishing the season in great style after a disappointing start. In the second half of the season it was 'Wherwell B Team' and the Youth Club C and D teams who contested the two promotion places, but luck was not with us and we finished third.

After getting knocked out off the 'Handicap Knock-out' the 'B Team' went on to win the 'Supplementary Cup' beating the Army Air Corps 'A' 5—4 in the finals.

T. Rowles, this season playing for the 'C Team' was again unbeaten. His team finished in fourth place.

M. Whitlock and A. Feltham, the lady playing members both played for the Town.

T. Rowles, not content with his unbeaten league record also won the Division 2 and 3 singles knock-out.

Next year four teams are hoped for — with one in the 1st Division.

Paul Feltham

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 PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO  
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1.	Men, 14 and over; 100 metres	2.00
2.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, 60 metres	2.06
3.	Toddlers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 25 metres	2.12
4.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, 60 metres Sack Race	2.18
5.	Ladies 15 and over, 25 metres Egg and Spoon	2.24
6.	Super Sports Star 100 metres (on running track)	2.30
7.	Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, 60 metres Sack Race	2.36
8.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, 60 metres Sack Race	2.42
9.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, 60 metres 3 Legged	2.48
10.	Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, 200 metres	2.54
11.	Super Sports Star Penalty Competition (at goal near end)	3.00
12.	Men, 15 and over, Sack Race, 100 metres	3.00
13.	Ladies, 15 and over, Flower Pot Race, 25 metres	3.06
14.	Boys and Girls up to 15, Pick-a-back, 60 metres	3.12
15.	Toddlers Boys and Girls, 1, 2, 3, 4, 25 metres	3.18
16.	Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, 3 legged, 60 metres	3.24
17.	Super Sports Star, Running Ball Control (on Running Track)	3.30
18.	Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, 100 metres	3.40

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# PLAYING FIELD

EVENTS HELD ON THE SUMMER

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1.45 p.m.

19. Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, 3 legged, 100 metres	3.46
20. Gun Dog Demonstration	3.52
21. Super Sports Star, Longest Throw (at goal near end)	4.12
22. Men 15 and over, 200 metres	4.12
23. Ladies 15 and over, Sack Race, 60 metres	4.18
24. Boys and Girls, 5, 6, 7, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.24
25. Boys and Girls, 8, 9, 10, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.30
26. Boys and Girls, 11, 12, 13, 14, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.36
27. Super Sports Star, Target Shooting (on running track)	4.42
28. Men, 15 and over, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.52
29. Ladies, 15 and over, Obstacle Race, 200 metres	4.58
30. Men over 40, 100 metres	5.04
31. Ladies over 40, 60 metres	5.10
32. Boys and Girls up to 15 (Handicap) 100 metres	5.16
33. Super Sports Star, 1 mile, (on running track)	5.30
34. Penalty King Finals	5.45
35. Tug of War, Chilbolton v Wherwell	6.00
36. Presentation of Prizes	6.15
37. Grand Draw	6.30

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## WHEREWELL PLAYING FIELD SIX EVENT SUPER-STAR

2.30 EVENT (1) 100 METRES

3.00 EVENT (2) PENALTY KICKS

3.30 EVENT (3) RUNNING BALL CONTROL

4.12 EVENT (4) LONGEST THROW IN

4.42 EVENT (5) TARGET SHOOTING

5.30 EVENT (6) 1 MILE

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### WHEREWELL PENALTY KING COMPETITION for the MARJORIE, COUNTESS OF BRECKNOCK CHALLENGE CUP

The competition will take place at the Wherwell Playing Fields on Monday, 29th August, at 2.00 p.m. and will be open to all ages.

All entrants will be divided into sections (amount of sections depending on entries).

Each competitor will take six penalty kicks, top competitor in each section to qualify for final later the same day. In case of ties sudden death play off will decide both heats and finals. Block or individual entries will be accepted, but must be on official entry forms, with competition entrance fee of 10p per person and named below.

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## **WHERWELL'S ROYAL SHOW CHAMPIONS**

The Royal Agricultural Society of England's 'Royal Show' in Her Majesty, the Queen's Jubilee Year' provided a great triumph for Wherwell's pedigree Guernseys. It must have been a very proud occasion for Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock, D.B.E. to see her herd win so many trophies at this, the 'premier show'. We, the Playing Field Committee, feel sure, that the villagers of Wherwell, will wish to join us in offering our sincere congratulations to Wherwell Farms Limited for bringing these honours to our village.

The Wherwell Guernseys set a breed record at the Royal Show that has never before been equalled, winning seven out of a possible eight trophies. The nearest to this incredible performance was back in 1937 when the Fernhill herd won firsts in all show classes but did not win the production awards.

The two production awards for performance and inspection — the Norsebury Perpetual Silver Cup and the Eashing Perpetual Challenge Cup, were won by 'Wherwell Nasturtium'.

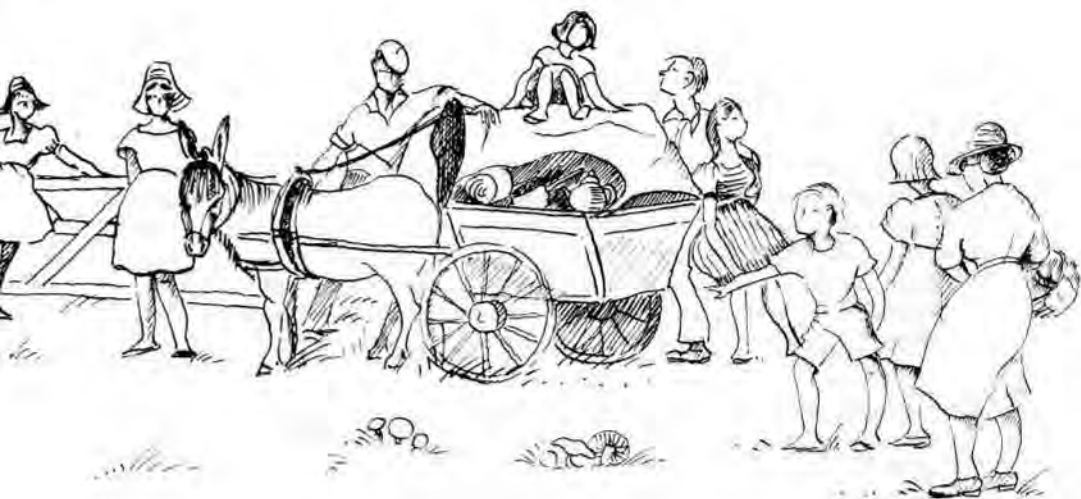
The Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup for the best Guernsey cow or heifer went Wherwell Paeoney 3rd, Wherwell Nasturtium took the Reserve to the cup. The Thornton Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best group of three Guernseys was awarded to Wherwell Nasturtium, Wherwell Paeony 3rd and Wherwell Narcissi 2nd.

Wherwell Farms Ltd. also won the Chalvington Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup for the best Group of Guernseys. Wherwell Nasturtium took the Rita Barnard Memorial Trophy for the D.M.P.S.I. cow and also won two Production Classes.

Not to be 'out done' by the three cows, Guernsey bull, 'Wherwell River King' won his age group and was reserve to the Calehill Silver Challenge Cup for the best Guernsey bull.

Needless to say, Wherwell Farms Ltd., took the Ted Mortimer Memorial Challenge Trophy for the exhibitor gaining the most points.

According to Mr. Alan Summerfield, the farm manager of Wherwell Farms Ltd., it is Mr. Jim Turner, head herdsman, who deserves the highest possible praise for the immaculate condition and appearance of these magnificent animals. If there was a trophy for the 'best herdsman' it would certainly be awarded to Mr. Jim Turner!



## WE WANDERED INTO WHERWELL

It's long ago and far away  
 When we set out one summer day  
 To walk two hundred miles or so  
 O'er hills and dales and vales below.  
 We had a donkey bought a trap  
 And with a large scale ord'nance map  
 From Hampstead tramped ten miles a day  
 Camped on farms our beds of hay.  
 With blankets tents and cooking stove  
 All the way to Lulworth Cove.  
 Thorough bush and thorough briar  
 Dallying at our heart's desire.  
 Fifty years have passed since then  
 A happy band we numbered ten  
 Mother Father us children too  
 And our four friends and donkey Sue.





We came to Wherwell round the bend  
 "This," said Mum, "Is journey's end  
 Of all the places we have been  
 This is the prettiest we have seen"  
 In went Mum to the village shop  
 (Which as well as bacon served the hop)  
 She asked about the places here  
 Was not deterred when told "It's rare  
 To find a place for sale here"  
 "No hurry now, but don't forget  
 If there's a cot for sale or let"  
 And quite undaunted put her name  
 Upon a card, — and back it came!  
 Not at once but one year later  
 Which quite astonished my dear Pater!  
 So once again they came to see  
 The Shop, the Bridge, the Old Pound Tree.  
 The cottage thatched, two up, two down  
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## VILLAGE HISTORY—

### WHERWELL IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY

There has been a considerable growth of interest in local history in recent years, the product doubtless of the uncertainty of the age in which we live. Another important contributory factor is the greater accessibility of the raw material of local history—historical documents—thanks to the opening up of county and borough record offices. The local historian must usually rely on this material since in general there are few reliable books on the history of local communities. Unfortunately, historical documents pose many problems to the beginner. These problems generally become more difficult the further back into the past one goes. The handwriting becomes more difficult, the technical and legal terms less familiar; and if one goes far enough back, e.g. before the Tudors, everything is written in Latin, often a technical short-hand version of Latin at that. In addition, if one is dealing with a small place like a village, it is quite possible that hardly any documents survive, at least in the obvious and accessible archival collections.

However, nearer our own time, for instance in the early Nineteenth Century, there is a relative abundance of surviving documentary evidence for every community, however small. In fact in some respects it is possible to find out more about a community like Wherwell in the early and mid Nineteenth Century than it is to find out about it in 1977. This is because the detailed descriptions of the census returns, house by house and person by person, are not available for inspection by the general public until they are over one hundred years old. One can, therefore, study in detail the household composition, ages and occupations of the inhabitants of Wherwell in 1851, 1861 or 1871, but not in 1911 or 1951. These census returns give the historian a great deal of fascinating information about the number of people in different jobs, the size of families—generally much smaller than usually thought—and where people came from—again many people living in English villages in the early Victorian period had not been born in those same villages. Perhaps one of the greatest contrasts with today is the greater variety of crafts followed by men in the mid Nineteenth Century, and the fact that half the population of Wherwell in those years was aged under twenty-one. Incidentally, both these points are common to nearly all English villages in that period. The overall population of the ecclesiastical parish of Wherwell, i.e. including Fullerton, was about 630 in mid century, but declined as the Nineteenth Century progressed. This again was common in Southern English villages, especially after the great farming depression of the 1870s. Incidentally, these facts can be drawn with some certainty for the years 1851, 1861 or 1871, but it is much less easy to use the earlier censuses since they were much less full in detail.

Of course plenty of other sources of evidence for village history in the Nineteenth Century also exist. They include parish registers, documents relating to poor relief, trade directories, deposited plans for public works like railways, as well as diaries and account books of private people and businesses, often still in private hands, to say nothing of local newspapers. Perhaps, however, the most useful documents are the tithe awards which exist for nearly every parish in the

land and date from the late 1830s to about 1850. They were produced as a result of an act of Parliament passed in 1836 whose purpose was to replace the payment of tithes (a kind of ecclesiastical V.A.T. on agricultural produce) in actual goods with fixed cash payments. To the historian the value of the tithe awards lies in the large-scale detailed map of the parish marking every field and usually every building, together with the very full and accurate breakdown of land-ownership, occupation and use, e.g. arable, pasture or woodland. The Wherwell tithe map is to be found in the County Record Offices in Winchester and gives a fascinating picture of what the village was like 135 years ago. The surprising thing is how little it has physically changed.



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My spirit floats on enchanted dreams,  
Along silver roads and o're sparkling streams.  
Hovers motionless on heavy scented air,  
Ascends translucent moonbeams there.

Up, up over palid trees and roofs I glide,  
On, on into the star filled sky so wide.  
Slumbering towns and hamlets pass beneath.  
Mountains, moors, a forest of shimmering leaf.  
Cares and worries of the day are removed,  
My weary aching heart is soothed.  
All too soon the night is done,  
Gathering light from the rising sun.  
Hasten spirit back to your shell,  
Day has dawned and will break the spell.

Jeffrey Rowles.

## **CONCLUSION**

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